

# The Green Thumb

A Newsletter of Extension Horticultural Activities and Events  
For York County Extension Volunteers

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## Calendar Of Events

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| Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> , Thursday                                | 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Safety Town, Grafton Bethel Elementary                   |
| No Meeting  | No August Programming Meeting   |
| <b>Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday</b>                          | <b>Deadline for the Green Thumb</b>   |
| Aug 16 <sup>th</sup> , Friday                                 | 12 n – 1 p.m., HearSay Radio Show, WHRO 89.5                                |
| Aug 17 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday                               | 10 a.m. – 12 n., Lawn Maintenance Clinic, Ken Matthews                      |
| Aug 19 <sup>th</sup> , Monday                                 | 6 p.m., 4-H Mums, Marketing Class, York Extension Office                    |
| Aug 24 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday                               | 10 a.m. – 12 n., Lawn Maintenance Clinic, Breezy Point                      |
| Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>Sunday – Tuesday | Endless Summer Camp, Register at 890-4940                                   |
| Sep 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Tuesday                                 | 2002 Peninsula Master Gardener Training begins, Yorkminster Presbyterian    |
| Sep 7 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday                                | 10 a.m. – 12 n., Lawn Maintenance Clinic, True Value Hardware               |
| Sep 14 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday                               | 10 a.m. – 12 n., Lawn Maintenance Clinic, Seaford                           |
| Sep 18 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday                              | Hampton Roads Agricultural Field Day, Virginia Beach                        |
| Sep 18 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday                              | 7 p.m., Extension Leadership Council meeting, York Extension Office         |
| Sep 20 <sup>th</sup> , Friday                                 | 12 n – 1 p.m., HearSay Radio Show, WHRO 89.5                                |
| Sep 21 <sup>st</sup> , Saturday                               | 9 a.m., Home Gardener Program - Fall Session begins, St. Joan of Arc Church |
| Sep 21 <sup>st</sup> , Saturday                               | 10 a.m. – 12 n., Lawn Maintenance Clinic, Old Port Cove                     |

Thursdays Work/Learn Day in the Learning Garden 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

For additions/corrections to the Calendar of Events contact Jody at 890-4940 or Teresa Bennett at 875-0026, e-mail: BennettTeresaH@aol.com. The deadline for the Green Thumb is ALWAYS the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, no exception.

E-mail changes: If you have changes to any of the methods of communication to you please notify Jody. Jody will pass the word. We want to keep in contact with you. These changes will be posted to the weekly e-mails and will be in the Green Thumb.

**Master Gardener Mission Statement:** *Our mission, as trained volunteers in partnership with the York County, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent, is to provide horticultural educational opportunities to the public through research-based horticultural programs and activities to enhance our environment, lives and community.*

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## Notes from Jim

Thanks to all that responded to the phone questions during my absence in July. I did not come back to the office with tons of messages to respond to. That is how it should work. Thank you.

Also, I would like to thank those of you who helped us put together refreshments for Annie Gilmer's retirement celebration. You really came through for us at a very busy time of the year and the event turned out great! Annie was very appreciative of our efforts and had a wonderful time.

The Landscape Series has been a great study of landscapes. Thanks to Steve and Rae for coordinating these great locations.

## Terry's Notes

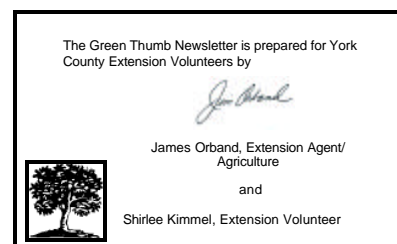
I hope you are all reaping the benefits of your labors as you look at your gardens. For those vegetable growers in our midst who have an overabundance of crops, please think of your fellow MGs who are unable to have a garden. Just let us know when you would like us to stop by and help you out with all those homegrown vegetables!! :-)) As a reminder, there will NOT be a programming meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Sept. 10th at St. Luke's. So read your Green Thumb carefully for other information and mark your calendars accordingly. Don't forget Thursdays at the learning garden. There's always something to do there, and your help is appreciated!

On a personal note, I would like to sincerely thank all of the Master Gardeners who sent a card, or said a kind word, or remembered my family in your prayers. The past few months have been very difficult with the death of my father and you helped ease my pain.

## SCHOOL VEGGIE GARDEN PROJECT COMPLETED

On June 3, we held our Salad Party to celebrate the harvesting of our produce from the garden at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. We had an abundance of Romaine lettuce, spinach, radishes, and Swiss chard to put together over 100 salads for the students and teachers to enjoy. Leslie Fain, nutritionist in the Extension Office, came to talk to the children about the nutritional value of the foods they were eating and also the value of the salad dressings and other toppings that the students brought to put on their salads. It was a nice completion to the project and, judging from the lovely letters written by the students, the students enjoyed it and hope to have gardens of their own some day. Some even claimed to want to become future Master Gardeners! We can only hope!

Many thanks to Jim Orband for his general help and information, and his lettuce and spinach transplants when needed! Also, deep appreciation to Master Gardeners Janet Ledebuhr, Cheryl Guardia, Denise Smith, Karen Ward, Beth Saunders, Marie Pannone, Janis Erickson, and Betsy Lambert who gave their time and expertise in teaching the lessons and helping with the students during the lessons.



# **The American Horticultural Society (AHS) Membership**

Speakers for the 2002 Master Gardener Class will be receiving a subscription to The AHS for their support of this effort. We are also extending the offering to all Master Gardeners.

We are getting ready to submit the mailing list for subscription to The American Horticultural Society (AHS), which publishes The American Gardener Magazine. If you want to be included on this list, please forward your name, address including zip code, and phone number to Evelyn Parker (parkerew@aol.com) by August 15, 2002.

List will be submitted to AHS in September. AHS will send you a bill for the reduced membership fee of \$10.00. After you have paid your membership fee the American Gardener magazine will be sent to your home address. MG's who are already AHS members, can renew their annual membership at this reduced price.

Normally, the annual AHS membership, including the magazines, costs \$35.00. Membership benefits include: 6 issues of The American Gardener, free gardeners Information Service Hotline, free admission to Botanical Gardens and Flower Shows, annual free seed exchange, and member-only web site. Contributions to AHS support national education and research to make gardening more successful, enjoyable, and environmentally responsible.

Please remember - Deadline is August 15, 2002.

## **Home Gardener Program – Fall Series**

On September 21<sup>st</sup> we will begin the Fall Series of the Home Gardener Program. It will be held at St. Joan of Arc church on Route 17, from 9 a.m. – 12 n. If you know of friends that would like to participate have them call the office at 890-4940.

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